

THE FOREST Service, Wallowa-Whitman National Forest has completed a draft decision memo for the Aminopyralid Plan Amendment. The proposed action would amend the standards and guidelines of the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan by adding aminopyralid to the list of herbicide active ingredients available for treating invasive plants (Standard #16 from the 2005 Region 6 Record of Decision for invasive plant management). This amendment would entail a minor modification to the invasive plant program; it will not authorize the use of this herbicide, but will authorize its consideration for use in future projects, following site-specific NEPA analysis. The proposed project or activity is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 219.

The draft decision memo and other information are available for review at

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51119>. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Sitka Pence, sitkapence@fs.fed.us, or 541-426-5689 and is available for review at The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest office located at 1550 Dewey Avenue, Suite A, Baker City, OR 97814.

How to Object and Timeframe

The opportunity to object ends 45 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Baker Herald. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection, and that those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by another other source.

Objections will be accepted only from those who have previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project during scoping or other designated opportunity for public comment as specified in 36 CFR §219.53. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding the proposed project unless based on new information arising after designated comment opportunities (§219.54).

Those persons or organizations wishing to participate as an "interested person" must file a request to participate in the objection resolution process within 10 days of the publication of the notice of objection as specified in §219.57.

The objection must contain the minimum content requirements specified in §219.54 and incorporation of documents by reference is permitted only as provided in §219.54. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure timely filing of a written objection with the reviewing officer. All objections are available for public inspection during and after the objection process and will be posted online; notice of objections received will also be published in the newspaper of record as specified in §219.56.

Written objections, including attachments, must be filed with the Objection Reviewing Officer. The office business hours for those submitting hand-delivered objections are: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, and may be delivered to the reviewing officer at the Regional Forester's Office, 13th Floor, at the Edith Green/Wendell Wyatt Building, located at 1220 SW Third Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. Electronic objections must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf) or Word (.doc, .docx) to objections-pnw-regional-office@fs.fed.us. Mailed objection can be sent to Objection Reviewing Officer, 1570/1950 Objections – RPM 16th Floor, PO Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208. Objections may also be faxed to 503-808-2339.

Please state Forest Plan Amendment to Add Aminopyralid project name in the subject line when providing electronic or faxed objections, or on the envelope when submitting by mail.